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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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3. A zirconium-based alloy according to claim 1, characterised in that it comprises up to 0.2 percentage by weight Ni.
4. A zirconium-based alloy according to claim 1, characterised in that it comprises up to 0.6 percentage by weight Cr.
5. A zirconium-based alloy according to claim 1, characterised in that the total content of Nb and Sn is larger than or equal to 1.15 percentage by weight.
6. A zirconium-based alloy according to claim 1, characterised in that the alloy constitutes at least a part of a component in a nuclear energy plant.

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